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CHRISTOPHER RESIGNS UNDER FIRE

NEW TESTIMONY  
ENLIVENS HUNT  
IN FILM ENIGMA

Fashionable Woman Questioned by the District Attorney's Office

TWO OTHERS CALLED  
Woman and Man Closeted  
With Investigators Following  
Fresh Developments

ATTORNEY IS SECRETIVE  
Refuses to Give Out Information  
Regarding New Turn  
in Murder Mystery

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Sensational new evidence is reported to have been given District Attorney Woolwine late today in the probe of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery by four new witnesses—two women and two men—whose identity was closely guarded, adding fresh impetus to the search for the slayer of the famous film director.

Fashionable Woman Questioned.  
A fashionably gowned and attractive woman, accompanied by a well dressed man, was taken before the county prosecutor immediately after Woolwine and an investigator had made a secret trip from the hall of records.

The woman, who wore a heavy coat and an expensive gown and her companion were closeted with Woolwine for some time.

Next followed a man who had the appearance of an actor and as soon as he left, a woman, who, according to unverified rumors, was a housekeeper employed in a wealthy family, made her entry.

Woolwine and all his officers devoted to comment upon the new developments but many sensational reports were current about the hall of records.

District Attorney Secretive.  
Woolwine only smiled when questioned concerning latest developments in the murder case.

Charles Jones, former policeman, who has been employed on the case by motion picture interests, was at Woolwine's office about the time the new witnesses appeared. He declined to state whether he was responsible for the new turn in events. It has been reported that Jones earlier in the day was working on a new lead.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—The following statement was issued from the office of the attorneys of Mary Miles Minter here today:

By MARY MILES MINTER.  
There is no personal or financial sacrifice that I would not gladly make to bring the slayer of William Desmond Taylor to justice.

Mr. Taylor was one of my best friends. His death was a great shock to me. I met Mr. Taylor first in 1919, when he became my director. He was then 17 years old and his inspiration, his unfailing courtesy and consideration not only to me, but to all with whom he came in contact, immediately won my high respect and admiration.

Flood of Letters Commends  
Hepburn in His Fight Upon  
Okmulgee Bank Wreckers

County Attorney Is Praised for Stand Taken Against  
Statehouse Officials Accused of Conspiring to Avert  
Prosecution. Mentioned for High Political Offices of  
State by Correspondents.

By HARVEY E. RHODES.  
World Staff Correspondent.  
OKMULGEE, Feb. 13.—From all parts of the state have come telegrams and letters to County Attorney James Hepburn congratulating him on his fight against the discharge of the grand jury by Judge Christopher and on his determination to prosecute the conspirators.

Not a few of the senders of these messages urge Hepburn to run for governor, assuring him of their support. This gubernatorial boom—if it could properly be called a boom—is increasing in force with the arrival of each mail in Hepburn's office.

So far he has maintained an indifferent attitude toward such missives, content to take care of affairs now confronting him as county attorney.

From far off Chicago came a letter from the editor of the East State News informing Hepburn that after he finishes his job in Okmulgee county he should come to Chicago and take the position of state's attorney.

One of the shortest messages received by Hepburn, and one that incidentally is descriptive of him, was from Fred Pitak of Oklahoma City. "Hop to it, you fighting devil," he advised, "for you."

Among the dozens of other letters and telegrams sent to Hepburn are the following, together with the names of the writers:

Lawrence L. Cowley, Okmulgee: "It was indeed sorry that I was not in the courthouse this morning to hear your talk there concerning the discharge of the grand jury. I want to say that I admire a man that has the nerve you had to make the statement you did."

If our officials were as honest and conscientious in their work and dealings as you are, this country would be a great deal better off. I desire to say that I am personally for you, first, last and always. If there is anything I can do to help you in your office or in gaining any position you seek, do not hesitate to call on me. What we need on the bench and in our offices is men like you."

J. K. Wells, Oklahoma City: "If I want to endorse your statement in full as reported in today's papers at the action of Judge Christopher in discharging the grand jury that was convened to investigate the scandal growing out of the failure of the two banks at Okmulgee. There is no doubt that Fred Denile and Governor Robertson entered into a conspiracy to rob the state guarantee fund and no doubt have succeeded well along that line. It looks like the administration had something to do with the dismissal of the grand jury by our superior judge. The whole state is with you and would like to see an honest grand jury empaneled and let them get at the bottom of the whole affair."

H. C. Fellows, Henryetta: "I notice some reference in the daily papers relative to higher-ups in the (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

HUNDREDS STORM  
'PONZI'S' OFFICE

Five Million-Dollar Crash  
Reported in Failure  
of Chicago Firm

FAMILY IS QUESTIONED  
Savings of "Broker's" Clients  
Speculated in Stocks, but  
Real Assets Are Found

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Crying "our money! Our money!" and excited shouts were heard from the offices of Raymond J. Bischoff, the young "Chicago Ponzi."

FINAL DECISION  
ON BONUS PLANS  
LEFT TO HARDING

Legislative Committees  
"Pass the Buck" and  
Wait on Results

SPECIAL TAX OPPOSED  
Sentiment Favoring Issues of  
Short Time Bonds Growing  
Among Congressmen

'BLOC' OFFERS SUGGESTION  
Proposes That \$600,000,000  
Can Be Raised by Reviv-  
ing Excess Taxation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Demanding that the government should first take proper care of disabled and helpless ex-service men, about whose neglect there has been increasing complaint, Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, opened in the senate his expected attack on the proposed soldiers' bonus bill.

Borah said that it should be conservatively estimated that, as the number of ex-service men incapacitated by ill-health and injuries continue to grow, not less than \$1,500,000,000 a year would have to be provided for hospitalization and similar purposes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Republican leaders of the senate and house were depending today upon President Harding to pull them out of the muddle in which they are floundering in trying to find a way to raise money for a soldiers' bonus.

Further consideration of the proposed bonus tax program framed by the house ways and means committee was suspended pending an expected decision by the president as to whether short term government bonds may be employed instead of direct taxation to finance the veterans compensation.

President Harding is understood to have discussed the bonus situation with Secretary Mellon by telephone today. It was learned at the treasury department this afternoon that further conversations will be held before the white house announces its decision on the congressional plan.

It was learned that the proposed bond issue was discussed by the president in a telephone conversation he had today with Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee. It was stated that the president called Fordney up to tell him that he still had the matter under advisement and would render a decision as soon as possible after he had conferred with Secretary Mellon.

Fordney was said to have informed the president that there was a growing sentiment in congress in favor of the proposed tax program being replaced by short term treasury certificates of indebtedness, \$100,000,000 worth to be issued in each quarter until the bonus had been provided for.

It was also learned that the president probably would defer his decision until after the regular meeting of his cabinet tomorrow, when it is considered probable that he will go over the entire bonus situation with the cabinet members, and seek their advice as to what course he should pursue.

The president was the first to (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

Eastern Oklahoma May Yet  
Get Another U. S. Judgeship

Special to The World.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Harold Hiram and Congressman Carter, Genesaw, Swank and Pringle of Oklahoma today appeared before the senate judiciary committee and protested against the action of the committee in putting off the provision in the additional judgeship bill for a second judge in the eastern district of Oklahoma.

Miss Alice Says  
World War Vets  
Lack Patriotism

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Miss Alice M. Robertson, Oklahoma congresswoman, declared today in an address to the women's republican club that she opposed the soldier bonus.

Soldiers demanding a bonus, she said, lacked the patriotism of American citizens who fought in the revolution, in civil and Spanish-American wars.

"Those veterans," she said, "didn't put a price on their patriotism." The congresswoman spoke of her own ancestry, going back, she said, to some of the nation's earliest defenders, and also lauded the soldiers of the civil and Spanish wars.

"These men," she said, alluding to the proposed beneficiaries of adjusted compensation, are not like the boys of '61 or '98. They didn't ask for bonuses. We can give these veterans a quit claim deed if they want it. The men of my ancestry didn't want it and didn't ask for it. If the veterans want the government to put the dollar sign on their patriotism, we can do it."

BRITISH TROOPS  
SENT TO BORDER

Orders for Evacuation of  
Soldiers in Ireland  
Are Rescinded

FIGHTING CONTINUES  
Drastic Military Curfew Laws  
May Be Instituted if War-  
fare Is Not Stopped

LONDON, Feb. 13.—British troop reinforcements are being moved into Ulster province, Colonial Secretary Winston Churchill announced in the house of commons this afternoon.

The evacuation of British troops from Ireland has been suspended. The British government has canceled orders for military evacuation of Cork, Dublin and Bantry.

Drastic military curfew regulations at Belfast will again be instituted tomorrow unless the situation improves.

No more British troops will be withdrawn from Ireland until the Ulster border dispute is on the way to settlement.

Colonial Secretary Churchill said that the Dublin provisional government was seeking the release of kidnapped Ulsterites, but he was doubtful if it had power to do so.

DUBLIN, Feb. 13.—"Don't torpedoes. That was the message sent by Michael Collins, premier in the newly established Sinn Fein government of South Ireland today in reply to a cablegram signed Lyons of the Irish republican organization at Washington."

JUDGE FAILS TO KEEP  
PROMISE TO FACE HIS  
OKMULGEE ACCUSERS

NO PEACE TERMS  
Reorganization of Bank  
Will Have No Effect  
on Prosecutions

HEPBURN STATEMENT  
Prosecutor Says Statehouse  
Crowd Cannot Alter Plan  
for Deep Probe

DEPOSITORS WITHOUT HOPE  
Thousands Who Saw Savings  
of Years Swept Away De-  
mand Justice Immediately

By HARVEY E. RHODES.  
World Staff Correspondent.  
OKMULGEE, Feb. 13.—Any attempt to reorganize the defunct Bank of Commerce will have no influence on the investigations of the grand jury here which is to be empaneled in District Judge Mark L. Boszarth's court February 27.

This statement was made this afternoon by County Attorney James Hepburn. Reorganization of this institution and the work of the grand jury are two separate and distinct matters, he added, and even though the bank should open its doors before the grand jury completes its investigation and makes its findings, he expects to prosecute those who are indicted with as much vigor as he would if the bank remains insolvent.

Can't Stop Prosecution.  
"There is nothing that Almighty's world that can come between this grand jury and its duty," Hepburn declared. "I sincerely hope some feasible plan can be worked out that will cause depositors in the Bank of Commerce to receive their money, for they need it. But this effort at reorganization and the grand jury's duty have no connection. The grand jury will interest itself in the persons that caused this bank to fail and not in those who are trying to resurrect it."

Immediately after his arrival he held conference with the county attorney and informed him of his intentions to, if possible, find some way to either reorganize the bank or to make good the past out of depositors, Parkinson said. He has no definite plan of action, he said. He expects to spend a day or two looking around, before deciding.

County Attorney James Hepburn is expected to come over from Oklahoma City Tuesday morning and Parkinson and Short will then try to devise a practical plan for resuscitating the bank of commerce.

It has been reported here that Gov. J. B. A. Robertson, before leaving for Mexico, to investigate business conditions, favored a plan of depositing in the Bank of Commerce approximately \$150,000 of state funds. He first suggested the use of \$150,000, but was informed by bankers that this would be an inadequate amount on which to reopen the institution.

Won't Take Peace Offering.  
County Attorney James Hepburn has considered this phase of the situation, and he is determined that no plan or action by the governor or anyone else in the state house shall deter him from his activities in connection with the forthcoming grand jury.

Little Hope for Bank.  
Depositors in the insolvent Bank of Commerce have about reached the conclusion there is little hope for (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

SHERIFF'S WITNESSES  
Take Stand in Prosecution of Ouster  
Proceeding Against Garrett at  
Ardmore; Close State's Case.

ARDMORE, Feb. 13.—With the resting of the state's case early today, defense in the trial of Buck Garrett, temporarily suspended sheriff of Carter county, began introduction of witnesses who are said by attorneys to number 50 or more.

The state seeks to remove Garrett from office on charges of misconduct.

P. Dawson of the Gimer Oil company, testifying for the defense, said the town of Wirt, near Healdton, had been free of lawlessness. He said places of ill repute in Healdton were allowed to run only when officers were out of town. None were very bad, he said.

James H. Mathers, county attorney, testified that in his opinion the law had been enforced in the county. This testimony was struck from the records on objection of the state.

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General Agents, 225 S. Boulder  
OKLAHOMA: Tuesday and Wednesday  
part cloudy.